

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA**

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF)	ORDER CORRECTING
MONTANA-DAKOTA UTILITIES CO. FOR)	DATE OF SUSPENSION OF
AUTHORITY TO INCREASE RATES FOR)	IMPOSITION OF TARIFF
NATURAL GAS SERVICE)	NG04-004

On June 7, 2004, Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. (MDU), filed with the Public Utilities Commission (Commission) an application to increase natural gas rates in its Black Hills service territory. The application seeks an increase in rates in the approximate amount of \$1,281,417 or approximately 2.2%. On June 22, 2004, the Commission suspended the proposed schedule of rates for 90 days beyond June 7, 2004. On July 15, 2004, the Commission Staff advised the Commission that the suspension should have been for 90 days beyond July 7, 2004.

The Commission has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to SDCL Chapters 1-26 and 49-34A, including 1-26-18, 1-26-19, 49-34A-2, 49-34A-3, 49-34A-4, 49-34A-6, 49-34A-8, 49-34A-8.1, 49-34A-10, 49-34A-11, 49-34A-12, 49-34A-13, 49-34A-13.1, 49-34A-14, 49-34A-16, 49-34A-17, 49-34A-19, 49-34A-19.1, 49-34A-19.2, 49-34A-20, 49-34A-21, 49-34A-22, and 49-34A-23.

At its July 20, 2004, meeting, the Commission reconsidered this matter. The Commission voted unanimously to change the suspension date from 90 days beyond June 7, 2004, to 90 days beyond July 7, 2004. It is therefore

ORDERED, that the proposed schedule of rates shall be suspended for 90 days beyond July 7, 2004, pursuant to SDCL 49-34A-14.

Dated at Pierre, South Dakota, this 27th day of July, 2004.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned hereby certifies that this document has been served today upon all parties of record in this docket, as listed on the docket service list, by facsimile or by first class mail, in properly addressed envelopes, with charges prepaid thereon.

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BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

ROBERT K. SAHR, Chairman

GARY HANSON, Commissioner

JAMES A. BURG, Commissioner